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SUBJECT: PRC ISSUES INSTRUCTIONS AND REWARDS FOR TAIWAN MILITARY
DEFECTOR

1. SUMMARY: THE PRC HAS ISSUED DETAILED CIRCULARS ON THE REWARDS TO BE GIVEN AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY ROC MILITARY PERSONNEL DEFECTING TO THE PRC. THE CIRCULARS, FROM THE FUKIEN COMMAND, ELABORATE ON INSTRUCTIONS FIRST ISSUED IN 1962. THE PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS ARE PUBLICIZED AGAIN JUST BEFORE THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEBRUARY 28 "TAIWAN UPRISING". A LOCAL PRC-CONTROLLED PAPER NOTES THAT WITH THE OVERTHROW OF THE "GANG OF FOUR", THERE IS NO LONGER OPPOSITION TO MATERIAL INCENTIVES. END SUMMARY

2. THE PRC-CONTROLLED PRESS FEBRUARY 23

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PROMINENTLY HEADLINED TWO CIRCULARS ISSUED BY THE HEADQUARTERS AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE PLA FUKIEN FRONT COMMAND (CHINA NEWS SERVICE FEBRUARY 20) REITERATING AWARDS TO BE GIVEN TAIWAN AIR FORCE AND NAVY PERSONNEL WHO DEFECT WITH THEIR PLANES AND SHIPS AS WELL AS PROCEDURES THEY SHOULD FOLLOW TO REACH SAFETY ON THE MAINLAND. DEFECTION IS CALLED "A

PATRIOTIC AND JUST ACT" WHICH WILL BE "WARMLY WELCOMED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE MOTHERLAND." THE CIRCULARS ADD THAT THE PRC WILL APPOINT DEFECTING PERSONNEL TO APPROPRIATE WORK ACCORDING TO THEIR MERITS, PROTECT THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY AND GIVE THEM A REWARD IN GOLD ACCORDING TO THE TYPE OF PLANE/SHIP THEY BRING.

3. A COMMENTARY IN THE LOCAL PRC-CONTROLLED TA KUNG PAO NOTES THAT THESE CIRCULARS ARE THE FIRST REITERATION OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED POLICY ON DEFECTORS SINCE BEFORE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. THE ORIGINAL POLICY WAS PUBLICIZED IN 1962 AND AGAIN IN 1964, BUT THE PRESENT CIRCULARS CONTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PROCEDURES. THE COMMENTARY ADDS THAT WITH THE OVERTHROW OF THE "GANG OF FOUR", THERE IS NO LONGER OPPOSITION TO "MATERIAL INCENTIVES" FOR DEFECTORS. IT GOES ON TO RELATE THE HIGH REGARD AND POSITION GIVEN A PREVIOUS ROC DEFECTOR AND ENDS WITH THE USUAL APPEAL FOR ROC MILITARY AND POLITICAL PERSONNEL TO REUNITE WITH THE MOTHERLAND. THESE CIRCULARS APPEAR TO BE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THOSE ISSUED BY TAIWAN TO POTENTIAL PRC MILITARY DEFECTORS. THEY FIT IN NICELY WITH RECENT CALLS FOR INCREASED UNITED FRONT EFFORTS TO ISOLATE TAIWAN AND ENCOURAGE REPATRIATIONS.

4. THE FIRST CIRCULAR CONCERNS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL.
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THE REWARDS FOR VARIOUS AIRCRAFT ARE AS FOLLOW:

F-5E 7,000 TAEELS OF GOLD (CURRENT VALUE IN HONG KONG APPROXIMATELY US\$217/TAEL)

F-5A, RF-104G, F-104 6,000 TAEELS

F-100 5,000

T-33 1,200

C-119, C-54 1,800

C-46 1,000

C-47 700

ALL TYPES OF PISTON TRAINERS - 200

SIMILAR AMOUNTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR SIMILAR TYPES OF PLANES

IF THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE PER PLANE, EACH WILL RECEIVE AN AWARD WHILE THE ORGANIZERS OF THE DEFECTION AND THOSE WHO "MAKE A GREATER CONTRIBUTION" WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL AWARD.

5. THE CIRCULAR'S SECOND PART CONCERNS PROCEDURES FOR DEFECTING. DISTANCES (IN NAUTICAL MILES) AND

DIRECTION HEADINGS ARE GIVEN TO THREEE DESIGNATED PRC AIRFIELDS (SWATOW, LUCHIAO AND LUNGTIEN) FROM SIX TAIWAN AIRBASES (TAOYUAN, HSINCHU, KUNGKUAN, CHIAYI, TAINAN, PINGTUNG) AS WELL AS THE LENGTH OF THE THREE PRC RUNWAYS (IN FEET) AND CONTROL TOWER FREQUENCIES. INSTRUCTIONS ON SIGNALS TO BE GIVEN AND LANDING PATTERNS ARE GIVEN IN DETAIL FOR HIGH AND LOW ALTITUDE APPROACHES AS WELL AS DAY AND NIGHT FLIGHTS. THESE INCLUDE REDUCING AIR SPEED, LOWERING WHEELS, DIPPING WINGS, AND FIRING SIGNAL FLARES DURING THE DAY TIME AND TURNING ON NAVIGATION AND LANDING LIGHTS AT NIGHT.

6. THE SECOND CIRCULAR CONCERNING NAVY DEFECTORS IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS ABOVE WITH THE FOLLOWING REWARDS:

DESTROYERS --- 20,000 TAEELS OF GOLD
DESTROYER ESCORTS -- 15,000 TAEELS
LARGE SUB CHASERS, PATROL GUN BOATS,
MINE LAYERS AND MINE SWEEPERS --- 10,000
LARGE LANDING SHIP DOCK, TANK LANDING
SHIP, REPAIR SHIPS --- 3,000-4,000 TAEELS
MEDIUM SIZE LANDING SHIP (LSM),
SMALL SUB CHASERS --- 2,000
INFANTRY LANDING CRAFT, LST, LSD,
GUNBOATS, MINE SWEEPING BOATS,
SUB CHASING BOATS, TORPEDO BOATS -- 600-1,200
TRANSPORTS, TANKERS, TUGS --- 800-1,500

UPON APPROACHING LAND OR PRC VESSELS, THE DEFECTING SHIPS SHOULD LOWER THE ROC FLAG, HOIST TWO RED FLAGS OR FIVE SIGNAL FLAGS ON THE MAIN MAST, PLACE THE DECK GUNS AT REST POSITION AND HAVE THE GUNNERS LEAVE THEIR POSTS, FLASH SIGNAL LAMPS AND FIRE THREE OR MORE SIGNAL FLARES.

7. IN A RELATED CIRCULAR DATED FEBRUARY 20, THE FUKIEN COMMAND HAS ORDERED ITS TROOPS AND RESIDENTS ALONG THE COAST TO PROTECT AND GIVE DEFECTORS SAFE CONDUCT TO THE NEAREST PLA HEADQUARTERS. THE CIRCULAR SPECIFIES FIVE GUARANTEES TO BE GIVEN DEFECTORS: PERSONAL SAFETY, NO HITTING, INSULTING OR SWEARING, NO CONFISCATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR SICK OR WOUNDED AND TRAVELING EXPENSES TO NATIVE HOMES.

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